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[Despatch Abstract.]

Electricity - Regulations Power System Sanctut Panchayat Bd - Street lighting - Arrears of Current consumption charges - Recovery - Orders.

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GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

From
The Chief Operation Engineer(North),
157, Mount Road,
M a d r a s 2.

To 93365
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Letter No.1617- E/52-3 /dated 3.11.52.

Sir,

Sub: Electricity - Sandur Panchayat Board
Street lighting charges - payment of.

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1 The Panchayat Board, Sandur has fallen in arrears in current consumption charges amounting to Rs.5,105-8-0 since October 1949 towards street lighting. The Superintending Engineer, Rayalaseema Power System has addressed the Special Officer, Panchayat Board, Sandur immediately to pay the arrears on pain of disconnection. But the special Officer, Sandur, has requested time to pay the arrears in 1954 as the Public Board's financial position is not sound at present.

2 In this connection, I enclose copies of letters of Assistant Engineer, Hospet, the Special Officer, Panchayat Board, Sandur and the Superintending Engineer, Rayalaseema Power System's letter to the Inspector of Municipal councils and Local Boards, Madras on the subject.

3 It would appear that the Panchayat Board, Sandur will not be able to pay even the monthly street light current consumption bills for sometime more and that the arrears can be paid by about 1954 when the financial position of the Board is likely to improve. If the service to the street light is continued, there will be an accumulation of arrears. The Superintending Engineer, Rayalaseema therefore requests orders whether energy may be continued to the street lights or supply may be cut off.

4 The Superintending Engineer, Rayalaseema also suggests that if the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Madras guarantees clearance of the arrears of Panchayat Board in 12 instalments in 1954, the Public lighting at Sandur may be allowed to be continued.

5 The Sandur Distribution Scheme is working at a loss and the Department cannot wait till 1954 for payment. But if the supply to the street lights is discontinued, it may cause hardship to the locality.

6 In the circumstances, stated above, I request orders of Government in the matter. The case is reported to Government as it is one of Public Lighting.

for CHIEF OPERATION ENGINEER(NORTH)

Encl.
Assistant Engineer's letter dt.21.8.52.
Special Officer's letter dated 11.8.52.
S.E.Rayalaseema's letter dated 21.8.52.

Copy of letter No.?116 dated 12.8.52 from the Superintending Engineer, Rayalseema Power System, Bellary to the Chief Operation Engineer(North), 157, Mount Road, Madras.

Sub: Electricity - Sandur Panchayat Board Payments of street lighting charges - regarding.

I herewith enclose the copies of letters of Assistant Engineer, Hospet and the Special Officer, Sandur Panchayat Board, Sandur.

It would appear from the above that the Special Officer, Sandur is not able to pay the C.C.charges towards street lighting. If the service is to be continued, there will be an accumulation of arrears and no clearance in the immediate future. I, therefore request for orders whether the energy may be continued to be supplied to the street lighting or supply may be cut off. The total of the arrears as on date is Rs.5105-8-0 which has accumulated from October 1949.

2. If the Inspector of Local Boards will guarantee clearance of the arrears by the Panchayat in 12 instalments in 1954, the Public Lighting at Sandur may be allowed to be continued in anticipation of same and all arrears upto that period may be allowed to accumulate.

Early orders are requested.

Copy of letter No.DF.28/4870/52 d/2.1.8.52 from the Assistant Engineer(Electrical) Operation, Hospet to the Chief Accountant A.P.System, Bellary.

Sub: Sandur Panchayat Board Payment of street light charges report submission of.

Ref: S.E.A.P.S.D.C. letter Ref.No.1485 d/2.7.52 to Executive Officer, Sandur under copy to this office.

With reference to the above, I have to bring to the attention of the Chief Accountant, A.P.S. the letter addressed to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Madras by the Executive Engineer, Sandur, in his A.C.C. No.123/52 dated 11.8.52 copy of which has also been sent to S.E.R.PS. and is also enclosed herewith for immediate reference. From the above, it would appear that the said Panchayat Board will not be able to meet the monthly street light consumption bills for some time more and the arrears also can be paid till 1954.

Hence it is left to the consideration of C.A.R.P.S if the supply to street lights could be continued further as the continuation of supply would only mean the accumulating of further arrears.

Necessary orders may be issued early.

Encl. Copy of letter No.ROC.123.52 dated 11.8.52 addressed to Inspector of Local Boards and Panchayats, Madras by the Executive Officer, Sandur.

P.t.o...2

Copy of letter Rev.Misc.c.128/59 dated 21.8.59 from the Special Officer, Panchayat Board, Sandur, Bellary District, to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Bellary through the District Panchayat officer, Bellary.

Sub: Electricity - street lighting - Sandur Town due for supplying current to street light extension of 4 lights required.

I submit the following regarding the payment of dues to the Electricity Department, Sandur.

The board was newly constituted in the year 1959 and I took charge of this office as Special Officer in May 1961. At the time of taking charge of this office, the actual finance of the Board was minus balance of Rs.1500/- and I had to face the crisis of running the administration without any finance. The Government was kind enough to sanction a loan of Rs.3000/- for running the administration.

At present the financial position of this board is not sound. During the year 1961-62 I have levied house tax-Professions tax, Licence fees on all kinds of traders and animal and vehicles taxes, but recovery of house tax bills an amount of Rs.4000/- has not collected. In spite of repeated request the Rice and Co. has not yet supplied the house tax bill books for the year 1961-62 and 1962-63. Except House Tax all the other taxes and licence fees have been collected for the year 1961-62 and 1962-63. I could not draw the income taxes for cart-stand, bus-stand, daily and weekly markets and slaughterhouse. I have been instructed not to conduct sales, till I get the administrative order from the Collector. I had already applied for the lease of all the cattle but so far no orders have been received from the Collector. There are ever so many technical difficulties coming in my way and I am not in a position to improve the finance of this newly constituted Board. It will take some time more for improving the finances of this board.

I submit that the Superintending Engineer, Mayavaram Power System, Bellary in his Rev.Misc.128/62 dated 28.7.62. (copy enclosed) has requested this board to immediately pay an amount of Rs.4428-8-0 or else he should issue orders for disconnection. Their arrears are from the year 1960. But this board was only constituted in the year 1959. Only after I took charge of this office in May 1961 all taxes and licence fees have been levied. Before that there were taxes on licence fees levied in this town by the Revenue Special Officer (Revenue Department) who was in charge of this board. In order to regularise all the office work and improve the finances, it will take some time more.

I request that the Superintending Engineer, Mayavaram Power System, Bellary may be informed to permit this board to pay the arrears in the year 1964 and not to issue disconnection order as the Public will be put into much difficulties if there is no street lighting in this town. In the interest of Public and this board the extension may be given.

/True copy/

Superintendent.

Copy of letter No.Rev.No.1775 /52- dated 21.8.52 from the Superintending Engineer, Rayalaseema Power System, Bellary to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Madras.

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Sub: Letter No.125/52 dated 11.3.52 from the Special Officer, Panchayat Board Sandur (Bellary Dist.) addressed to you through the District Panchayat Officer, Bellary and copy to me.

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A sum of Rs.4992-7-0 as per details in the statement* enclosed is due from the Board.

In the above letter (copy enclosed) the Board requested you to permit the Board to make payment in the year 1954 by which time their finances will improve. The Sandur Distribution is working at a loss. This department cannot wait till 1954 for payment. The matter may kindly be reported to Government for their order.

Sd.Ch.Venkata Rao
for Superintending Engineer.

SANDUR STREET LIGHT PARTICULARS:

Sl. No.	Bill No.	Month.	Amount.
1.	22438 5/51	5/51	177-0-0
2.	22477	10/49 to 4/51	
		5/51 to 8/51	3811-11-0
3.	22365	9/51	152- 4-0
4.	27986	10/51	162- 5-0
5.	27087	11/51	156- 5-0
6.	24194	12/51	
		1/52	318-10-0
7.	22492	2/52	147-11-0
8.	62085	3/52 to 6/52	565-15-0
			4992-7 -0

Copy together with copies of the letters noted below from the Panchayat Board forwarded to the Chief Controller of Accounts, for information.

2. Copy together with copies of letters noted below from the Panchayat Board submitted to the Chief Operation Engineer (North) Madras for information. The matter may kindly be taken up with the Inspector of Municipal Council and Local boards as the Panchayat Board has not paid the bills inspite of demands made.

° The service is continued as it is an essential service in anticipation of your instructions in the matter.

True copy

Superintendent.

nm/4.11.52

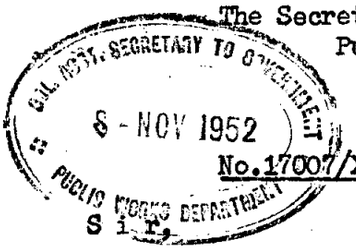
GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Engineer for Electricity,
157, Mount Road, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.



No.17007/X/SSK/52-1 dated 1-11-52.

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Sir,

Sub: ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT--Sandur Panchayat Board--Street Lighting charges--Arrears of--Orders for effecting recovery--Requested.

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I have to report that the Sandur Panchayat Board has not been paying the Current Consumption Charges for street lighting and the arrears have accumulated to Rs.5105-8-0 from October 49 to September 5 The Superintending Engineer, Rayalaseema Power System states that there is no likelihood of payment of the arrears by the Panchayat and expects only a further accumulation of arrears if the service is continued.

As this is a case of Public lighting, the Superintending Engineer, Rayalaseema Power System recommends that if the Inspector of Local Boards would guarantee the clearance of the arrears by the Panchayat Board in 12 instalments in 1954, the public lighting may be allowed to be continued. Even then the arrears for the current period would again accumulate.

Under the circumstances and also due to the inability of the Panchayat Board, I suggest for consideration of Government any one of the following alternatives:--

(1) Outstanding arrears may be adjusted from the General Administration (as this is a state-merged concern).

(2) May permit the adjustment of the arrears as in the case of Firka Development Schemes (i.e. meeting the deficit fro other sources.)

(3) The street lighting may be discontinued to avoid further accumulation of arrears.

If item (3) is decided, the procedure to be adopted for recovering the present arrears may please be indicated.

I request very early orders of Government.

FOR CHIEF ENGINEER FOR ELECTRICITY.

GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Operation Engineer(North),
157, Mount Road, Madras-2.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Madras.

No.1617 E/52-4 dated 21-11-52.

Sir,

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Sub: Electricity - Sandur Panchayat Board - Street lighting charges - Payment of.

I request that my letter No.1617 E/52-3 dated 3-11-52 may be treated as cancelled and orders issued in my letter No.17007/X/SSK/52-1 dated 1-11-52.

In continuation of my letter dated 1-11-52, I forward herewith a copy of letter No.L.Dis.49279/52 dated 4-11-52 from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards on the subject.

I request early orders of Government in the matter.

N.M./22-11.

For Chief Operation Engineer(North)

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Copy of letter No.L.Dis.No.49279/52 dated 4-11-52 from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Madras-1 to The Chief Operation Engineer(North), 157, Mount Road, Madras.

Sub: Electricity - Street lighting - Sandur Panchayat Bellary District - Payment of dues for supplying current to the street lights - extension of time orders - solicited.

Ref: From the Superintending Engineer, Rayalaseema Power System, Bellary, letter Roc.No.2116 dated 22-9-52 addressed to you copy to this office.

I send herewith a copy of the letter Roc.No.123/52 dated 11-8-52 of the Special Officer, Sandur Panchayat addressed to this office. In this connection I invite your attention to the letter Roc.No.2116 dated 22-9-52 of the Superintending Engineer, Rayalaseema Power System, Bellary addressed to you. In the circumstances stated by the Special Officer of the Panchayat time may be granted to the Panchayat till 1954 for payment of the arrears due to your department.

/True copy/

N.M./22-11.

Superintendent.

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P:W.D.(E-3)

Electricity - Rayalaseema Power System -Bellary Dt.- Sandur Panchayat Board -Street lighting - Arrears of current consumption charges- Recovery- Orders.

Ref: From the-C.E.(E) No.17007/X/SSK/52-1 d/1-11-52.

G.O.Ms.No. 1295 d/ 25.3.53

The C.E.(E) has reported in his letter cited that the Sandur Panchayat Board has not been paying ~~the~~ the current consumption charges for street lighting since October, 1949 and that the arrears have accumulated to Rs.5105-8-0(Rupees five thousand one hundred and five and annas eight, ~~only~~) upto September 1952. He has suggested the following alternatives for the recovery of the arrears:-

(i) Outstanding arrears may be adjusted from the General Administration.

(ii) The adjustment of the arrears may be permitted as in the case of the Firka Development schemes by meeting the deficits from other sources.

(iii) The street lighting may be discontinued to avoid further accumulation of arrears. If this is decided, the procedure to be adopted for recovering the present arrears may be indicated.

2. After careful examination of the matter the Govt. direct that the street lighting in the Sandur Panchayat Board should be continued but prompt action should be taken to reduce the number of street lights consistent with public safety. The Special Officer, Sandur Panchayat Board should pay the current electricity consumption charges for street lighting every month regularly from the 1st April 1953. The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards is requested to see that ~~the~~ this is done without fail.

3. As regards the arrears of electricity consumption charges accumulated upto 1st April, 1953, the Panchayat Board is directed to pay the amount

in five annual instalments commencing from the year 1954-55.

4/ The question of charging interest on the arrears will be considered with reference to the financial position of the Panchayat Board at the time of payment of the fifth instalment of the arrears. The C.E.(E) is requested to submit to Govt. necessary proposals in the matter at the appropriate time.

To the C.E.(E) The Co
the A.G.thro' Fin.
the Inspector of Ll.Cls.and Ll.Bds.
the S.O., Sandur Pt.F
Copy to L.A.D.

2scs.

C.B.E w.r.t para 4.
(B1= no 107)

PWD (E3)

V. urgent

Memo no 93365 E/52-E1 7-11-52

Sub:- Lr. Secy - R. P. S. Bellary Dt - Sanctn Panchayat Bd street lighting charges - Payment

Ref:- From the Co. E(a) ltr no 1617-E/52-3 dt 3-11-52

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A copy of the letter cited is forwarded to the Inspr of ~~Local Bds and~~ Municipal and Local Boards Councils for urgent remarks.

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~~The Co~~ The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Bds, Madras (with a copy of pp1-5 f)

Note Please see the CoE(a)'s letter cited and the enclosed resolution in pp3-5 f. W.r. to para 4 of the CoE(a)'s letter, the remarks of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Bds may be called for in the first instance. The above is accordingly for approval. L.A. may see before issue.

6-11-52 DPS 7/11 L.A.

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P. W. D. Memo no 93365 E/52-1 7-11-52

L.A.D.(A).

The draft O.M. ~~below~~ overleaf may be perused and the file returned to P.W.D. u.o.

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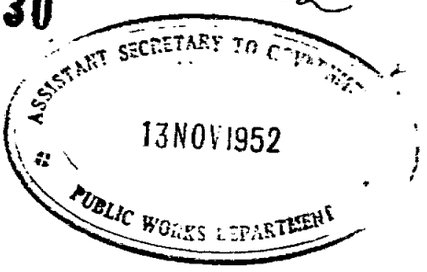

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(From the C.E.(E) letter No.1700/x/SSK/52 dated 1-11-52.)

(From the C.O.E.(N) letter No.1617 F/52-4, dated 21-11-52)

Please see the C.E.(E)'s letter on p.7 c.f. and C.O.E.(N letter on p.9 c.f. The C.O.E.(N) in his letter on p.9 c.f. has stated that his letter on p.1 c.f. may be treated as cancelled and orders issued on the letter on p.7 c.f. In this ~~connection~~ circumstances, the draft memo ~~necessary~~ need not issue.

2. The C.E.(E) has reported that the Sandur Panchayat Boa has not been paying the current consumption charges for stree lighting and that the arrears has accumulated to Rs.5105-8-0 from October, 1949 to September, 1952. The S.E., Rayalaseema Power System considers that there is no likelihood of payment of the arrears by the Panchayat Board and expects only a furt accumulation of arrears ~~will take place~~, if the service is continued. As this is a a case of Public lighting , the S.E has recommended that if the Inspector of Municipal Councils Local Boards would guarantee the clearance of arrears by the Panchayat Board in 12 instalments in 1954, the Public lighti may be allowed to be continued. The C.E.(E) however, considers that even then the arrears for the current period would accumulate. In the circumstances and in view of th inability of the Panchayat Board to clear off the arrears, the C.E.(E) has suggested the following alternatives for the consideration of the Govt.

(i) Outstanding arrears may be adjusted from the Genera Administration (as this is a state-merged concern).

(ii) May permit the adjustment of the arrears as in the case of Firka Development Schemes (i.e.meeting the deficit from other sources)

(iii) The street lighting may be discontinued to avoid further accumulation of arrears.

He has also sequested orders on the procedure to be adopted for recovering the present arrears, if item (iii) abo is decided upon.

3. Attention is in this connection invited to the copy of letter from the Special Officer, Sandur Panchayat Board on page 4 c.f. It will be seen thereffrom that the finances of the Panchayat Board are not sound inspite of a loan of Rs.8,000/- sanctioned by the Govt. and that the Panchayat Board will not be able to pay the arrears before 1954. The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has recommended that in the circumstances stated by the Special Officer of the Panchayat Board, time may be granted to the Panchayat till 1954 for payment of the arrears due to the Government - Electricity Department. It may be mentioned in this connection that it has been reported that the Sandur Distribution Schme is working at a loss. In the circumstances, it ma, not be possible for the Govt. Electricity Deptt. to wait till 1954 for payment of arrears which are considerable, by the Sandur Panchayat Board. Further, as pointed out by the C.E.(E) the arrears for the current period would again accumulate in the present financial postion of the Panchayat Board. Being a commercial Deptt, the Electricity Deptt. cannot possibly entertain the idea of permitting arrears of current consumption charges to accumulate considerably for payment of after two or three years and continuing supply of Electricity in the face oi such arrears. In view of the position stated, it seems that the appropriate course would be to implement any of the three alternatives suggested by the C.E.(E) in para 2 above. The position in respect of the three suggestions are set out below:-

Item (i) in para 2 on p3 ante:- The C.E.(E) has suggested that the outstanding arrears due to the Govt. Electricity Deptt. for current consumption charges for street lighting from the Sandur Panchayat Board may be adjusted from the General Administratio as this is a state merged concern. It may be mentioned in this connetion ethat the Sandur Power House was taken over by the Govt. Electricity Department on 14-10-49 after the former Sandur State was merged with this State. The arrears outstanding from the Panchayat Board are reported to be Rs.5105-8-0 for the period

October, 1949 to September 1952. The Public Department may perhaps be ~~suggested to state whether the arrears may be adjusted from the General Administration~~.

Item (ii) in para 2 on p. 2 ante:-

The C.E.(E) has recommended that the outstanding arrears may be adjusted as in the case of F.D.Schemes. It may be mentioned in this connection that in the case of deficit schemes for extension of supply of Electricity in the F.D. areas, the deficits in revenue to the Govt. Electricity Deptt. are made good by equivalent contributions from the fund for "Village Reconstruction and Harijan uplift." On the above analogy, it is not clear whether the arrears can be met from any other fund or budget. L.A. may be requested to state whether the arrears could be met from any fund under their control ~~from their budget~~.

Item (iii) in para 2 on p. ante:- The C.E.(E) has suggested that the street lighting in the Sandur Panchayat are may be discontinued ~~its~~ to avoid further accumulation of arrears. If the suggestions in items (i) and (ii) are not found to be feasible, the Govt. Electricity Deptt. as commercial deptt., will have no other alternative but to discontinue suppl to street lighting in the Panchayat and to devise ways and means for recovering the outstanding arrears. But this course will put the public to a lot of hardship. In the circumstance this may be considered after a decision is arrived at on the suggestions in items (i) and (ii) above.

4. Public (Pol), L.A. and Finance departments may see for remarks.

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Public (Poll-A) department.

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Notes of P.W on p.p 3-5 ante may be read. L.A may see pr remarks in the first instance as they are primarily concerned with the affairs of the Sandur Panchayat.

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Pub (Poll. A)
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17.12.52

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L. A D

M on P 5 above there is no fund ~~from~~ of the kind referred to from which the arrears can be adjusted.

2 Street lighting shd be continued. Some lighting of streets is essential. Electric lighting shd be cheaper than ~~kerosene~~ and better Kerosene lights. The monthly lighting charges amount to only about Rs 160. If possible, the no of street lights may be curtailed

Consistent with public safety.

3 An extract of the S.O's letter ~~at A~~ C portion A on N 4 C.F.) may be taken for separate action in this dept to ask the Exr of L.F.A to see that house-tax bill books are supplied at once to the S.O. The G.L.B may also be asked to see that the taxes and fees are levied in the Panchayat at adequate rates so as to balance its budget. He may be asked to report by 1-4-53 the action taken.

4 The S.O may be asked to pay current Electricity charges for street lighting every month regularly from 1-4-53. As regards arrears due upto 1-4-53 the Panchayat may be allowed to pay the amount in five annual instalments commencing from 1954-55

The G.L.B may be asked to see that this is done without fail.

20/12/52

UNDER SECRETARY 5358 24 DEC 1952 PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

L.A. Dis. 5 4409-1A. 23.12.52.

22/12/52 Pub(Pol) Jm

Public (Poll-A) dept. C.No. 5358/52

The views of L.A on p.p 6-7 above may be generally agreed to in this department. and the file passed on to Finance.

24/12/52

Pub (Poll-A)
V.O. 5358/52-1
26.12.52

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY GOVERNMENT
098569
23 DEC 1952
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

From (Accts)

Notes from p.3 above may be perused. The file may be sent to P.W. for Remarks on the notes of L.A. on pp 6 & 7 above.

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PWD (E.S.)

ADDL. ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
1-JAN 1953
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

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Agreed to return the file.

P.T.O.

Please see the notes of the Public (Poll), the L.A. and the Finance Departments on pp.6-8 ante.

2. With reference to the suggestion in paragraph 4 of the Local Administration Department's note on page 7 ante, this department may agree to the continuance of supply of power to the street lights in the Sandur Panchayat area provided the current consumption charges for street lighting are paid every month without fail with effect from 1-4-1953. As regards the clearance of accumulated arrears due to the Electricity Department upto 1-4-1953, Local Administration have suggested that the Panchayat may be allowed to pay the amount in five annual instalments commencing from 1954-55. It is submitted in this connection that the arrears accumulated upto September, 1952 is Rs.5105-8-0. By 31-3-1953, the arrears would mount upto ~~nearly~~ more than Rs.6,000/-. According to the suggestion at 'A' above, the repayment of the last instalment will be in 1959-60. The question of interest to be paid by the Panchayat Board has also to be determined. The period of repayment suggested by L.A. seems to be a long one. The Chief Engineer (Electricity) does not seem to favour the idea of repayment of arrears in instalments over a period of some years. He has not supported the suggestion of the Superintending Engineer that the arrears may be recovered in 12 instalments in 1954-55. On the other hand he has recommended one of the following two courses for the clearance of arrears:--

(1) Outstanding arrears may be adjusted from the General Administration (as this is a state-merged concern)

(ii) May permit the adjustment of the arrears as in the case of F.D. schemes (i.e. meeting the deficit

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from other sources.)

With reference to 'H' above, the Local Administration Department have stated that there is no fund from which arrears can be adjusted. In this connection it may be pointed out that the Sandur Distribution is already working at a loss and that being a commercial department, the Electricity Department cannot, it seems, favour the suggestion of the Local Administration Department at 'A' on page 9 ante, as it will create an inconvenient precedent for other consumers. In the circumstances, this department may perhaps suggest that the Local Administration Department may consider the question of advancing a Government loan to the Panchayat Board to pay immediately the arrears of street lighting charges accumulated upto 31-3-1953 and that the loan may be recovered by the Government on the lines suggested at 'A' on page 9 ante. For orders.

3. Local Administration and Finance may see for remarks.

TB 20/1/53

L.A.

19-1-53

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Local Admn. Dept(A)

Local Administration Department last saw at pages 6-7 ante-

The further note of Public(Fol)Finance and P.W.D. from page 8 ante may be perused.

The financial position of the panchayat is not good. Under the Local Authorities Loans Act, no loan is admissible to a local body for meeting ordinary lighting charges. An interest bearing advance repayable in a few years is admissible but the panchayat will not be able to find the annuity for repayment with interest. No part of the advances already sanctioned by the Govt. to the panchayat in 1949 has been so far repaid by the panchayat. So vide G.O.Ms.8 L.A.S-23.4

P.W.D note 9336-E/52 20-1-53

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT 3414 21 JAN 1953 SECRETARIAT, MADRAS

it is not desirable to grant any further advance. For the present, the panchayat may be permitted to pay the arrears without interest in 5 annual instalments commencing from 1954-55. If as is probable it is found ultimately that the panchayat is unable to pay the annual instalments, the suggestion of the C.E.(C) that the arrears may be adjusted from the State funds may have to be adopted.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance (Accts).

(Prev. Finance note on p.8 above)

The further notes of P.W. and L.A.Departments may be perused. In the circumstances stated, this department may agree to the suggestion of the L.A Department to recover the arrears from the Panchayat Bd. in 5 annual instalments. The question whether interest should be charged on the arrears may be considered with reference to the financial position of the Sundur Panchayat Board after implementing the suggestion of L.A.Dept. on pp.6-7 above. As regards the suggestion to adjust the arrears from the State Funds it is submitted that the proposal would amount to debiting all bad debts of a commercial concern to the General Revenues. As a similar procedure has not been followed in regard to other commercial concerns, the suggestion need not be agreed to. If any arrears remain irrecoverable, it will have to be treated as a loss to the

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Electricity Department and the question of adjusting from general revenues does not arise.

P.W.D.(E-3).

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.
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The file relates to the question of recovery of arrears of current consumption charges for street lighting purposes due from the Sandur Panchayat Board, in Bellary District, Rayalaseema Power system from October, 1949 onwards.

2. The C.E.(E) has reported that the Sandur Panchayat Board has not been paying the current consumption charges for street lighting from October, 1949 onwards and that the arrears accumulated upto September 1952 amounts to Rs.5105-8-0. The S.E., Rayalaseema Power System considers that there is no likelihood of payment of the arrears by the Panchayat Board and expects only a further accumulation of arrears, if the service is continued. As this is a case of public lighting, the S.E. has recommended that if the Inspector of Municipal Councils and local Boards would guarantee the clearance of arrears by the Panchayat Board in 12 instalments in 1954, the public lighting may be allowed to be continued. The C.E.(E) however considers that even then the arrears for the current period would accumulate. In the circumstances and in view of the inability of the Panchayat Board to clear off the arrears, the C.E. has suggested the following alternatives for the consideration of the Govt.:-

(i) Outstanding arrears may be adjusted from the General Administration (as this is a state-managed concern).

(ii) May permit the adjustment of the arrears as in the case of the Firka Dev.schemes (i.e meeting of the deficit from other sources).

(iii) The street lighting may be discontinued to avoid further accumulation of arrears.

He has also requested the orders of the Govt. the procedure to be adopted for recovering the pres arrears, if item (iii) above is decided upon.

3. The Special Officer, Sandur Panchayat Board has reported that the finances of the Panchaya Board are not sound, in spite of a loan of Rs.8,000 sanctioned by the Govt. and that the Panchayat Boar will not be able to pay the arrears before 1954. Th Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards ha recommended that in the circumstances stated by the Special Officer of the Panchayat Board, time may be granted till 1954 for payment of the arrears due to the Govt. Elecy.Dept. As the Sandur Distribution Scheme, which was taken over by the Govt.Elecy.Dept. on 14-10-49, after the former Sandur State was merge with this State, is reported to be working at a loss and as the Elecy.Dept. being a commercial Dept. cannot possibly entertain the idea of permitting arrears of current consumption charges to accumulat considerably for payment after two or three years and continuing the supply in the face of such arrea this Dept. considered that the suggestion of the C.E.(E) in items (i) and (ii) at 'A' on p.4 ante should be considered before considering the suggest in item (iii) above, which would, of course, cause considerable inconvenience to the public. The L.A. Dept. have stated that there is no fund of the kind reference to in item (ii) at 'A' on p.4 ante from which the arrears can be adjusted, that street lighting, which is essential, should be continued in the Sandur Panchayat Board area and that if possibl the number of street lights may be curtailed consistent with public safety. They have suggested that the Special Officer may be asked to pay the

current consumption charges for street lighting every month regularly from 1-4-53 and that the Inspector of Ml.Cls.and Ll. Boards may be asked to see that this is done without fail. As regards the payment of arrears of current consumption charges upto 1-4-53, the I.A.Dept. have proposed that the Panchayat Board may be allowed to pay the amount i n five annual instalments commencing from 1954-55. The Public (Political)Dept. have generally agreed with the proposal at 'M' above.

4. With reference to 'M' above, thisDept. while agreeing to continue the supply of electricity to the street lights in the Panchayat area have pointed out that the ~~arrears~~ period of payment of arrears suggested by the I.A.Dept. is a long one as the last instalment of the arrears, which would amount ~~upto~~ more than Rs.6000 by 31-3-53, would be in 1959-60 and that the question of interest to be paid by the Panchayat Board has also to be determined. As the Sandur Distribution Scheme is already working at a loss and as the suggestion at 'M' on p5-bottom will create an inconvenient precedent for other consumers, this Dept. have may consider the question of advancing a Govt. loan to the Panchayat Board to pay immediately the arrears of street lighting charges, accumulated upto 31-3-53 and that the loan may be recovered by the Govt. on the lines suggested at 'M' ~~on p. ante.~~ above. With reference to 'K' above, the I.A.Dept. have stated that under the local Authorities Loans Act, no loan is admissible to a local body for meeting ordinary lighting charges and that although an interest bearing advance repayable in a few years is admissible, the Panchayat Board will not be able to find the annuity for repayment with interest as no part of the advance already sanctioned by the Govt. to the Panchayat in 1949 has been so far repaid by the Panchayat. That Dept. therefore, consider that it is not desirable to grant any further advance. In the circumstances, they have

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suggested that the Panchayat Board may be permitted to repay the arrears in five annual instalments as already proposed by them at 'M' on p.6 ante, but without interest and that if as is probable, it is fou ultimately that the Panchayat is unable to pay the annual instalments, the suggestion of the C.E.(E) in item (i) at 'A' on p.4 ante may have to be adopted. The Fin.Dept. while agreeing to the mode of repayment at 'M' on p.6 ante, have stated that the question whether interest should be charged on the arrears may be considered with reference to the financial position of the Sandur Panchayat Board after implementing the suggestion at 'M' on pp.5-6 ante. As regards the suggestion to adjust the arrears from the State Funds, they have pointed out that it would amou to debit all bad debts of a commercial concern to the general revenues. As a similar procedure has not been followed in regard to other commercial concerns, Fin. have not agreed to the suggestion. They have, therefor expressed the view that if any arrears remain irrecoverable, it will have to be treated as a loss to the Elecy.Dept. and that the question of adjusting from the revenues does not arise. In view of the position stated above, it is for consideration whether the proposal at 'M' on pp.5-6 ante subject to the condition at 'R' above will be agreed to. For orders.

5. The file may be circulated to M.(P.W.) M.(L.A.) and M.(Fin.).

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May be approved. Publication may be taken to reduce the no. of lights.

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M(P.W.) N. Ramaswami Reddiar 2.3.53

M(L.A.) N. Lakshmanaswami 2-3-53

M(Fin.) C. Subramaniam 2.3.53

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Please see the orders in circulation at the bottom of p(2) ante. A draft order is submitted. d.A and Fin may see before issue.

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The orders in circulation on p(2) above and the draft order may be perused.

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Fin Order L.A.no. 11950-S
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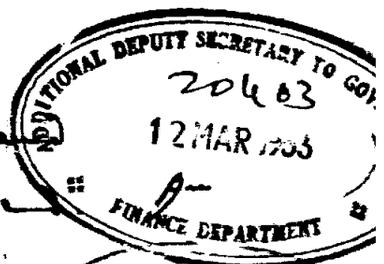
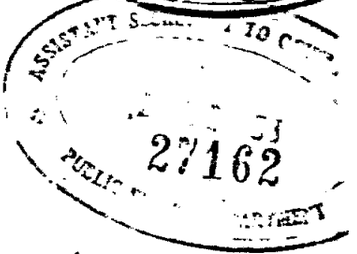
(Previous Fin. note on p.s. 11-a above)

The notes and the orders in circulation on p.s. 11-a to 16 above and the draft order below may be perused.





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Please see the notes of the L.A and the Fin depts above. The draft order below may now issue.

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